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PLASTIC BOBBIN

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Filing date of earlier application (day/month/year)	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

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I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:*

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
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- ☐ the claims:
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-12</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)**Documents cited in the International Search Report:**

D1: US 1437954 A
D2: GB 1303063 A
D3: WO 9104218 A1
D4: SE 469836 B

The cited documents represent the general state of the art.
The invention defined in claims 1-12 is not disclosed by any of these documents.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed bobbin and the method of manufacturing a bobbin. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-12 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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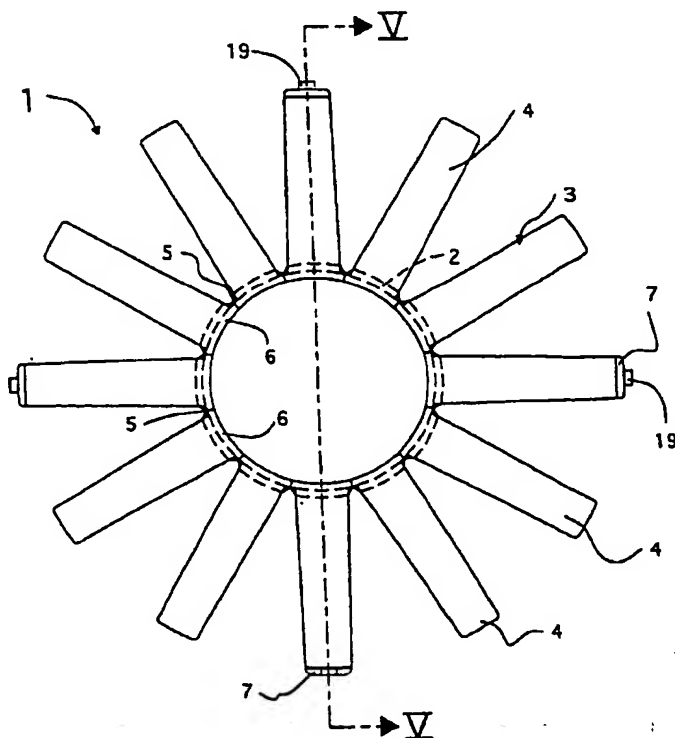
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(54) Title: PLASTIC BOBBIN AND A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING SUCH A BOBBIN



(57) Abstract: A bobbin (1) of plastic has a cylinder (2) and, formed integrally therewith, circumferential end flanges (3) and is made of a U-shaped channel. Each end flange (3) consists of a plurality of spaced-apart, essentially radial flange elements (4) which are distributed along the circumference of the cylinder (2). In a method of manufacturing such a bobbin, a U-shaped channel is made by injection moulding. The U shaped channel is given such a shape that its side walls consist of a plurality of spaced-apart wall elements which are distributed along the length of the channel. The channel is bent to form the cylinder (2) and its ends are connected with each other in this bent position.

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PLASTIC BOBBIN

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to a bobbin of plastic, which has a cylinder and, formed integrally therewith, circumferential end flanges and is made of a U-shaped channel, and a method of manufacturing such a bobbin, in which method a U-shaped channel is made and bent to form said cylinder with end flanges, the ends of the channel being connected with each other in this bent position.

Background Art

Bobbins are used for winding, inter alia, cable, and they can be manufactured in various ways and of various materials. In small sizes, up to about 400 mm, they are in most cases made of plastic or paper. They can be manufactured in one piece or several pieces which are then assembled.

GB-1,303,063 discloses manufacture of a bobbin by bending a plastic channel back on itself so that its ends meet and a cylinder with circumferential end flanges is formed, after which the ends are joined by welding or gluing. The plastic channel is made by extrusion or thermoforming of a plastic strip and is provided with transverse corrugations to allow it to be bent to a cylinder.

The drawbacks of this method of manufacture is that it is time-consuming since manufacture takes place in several steps and different machines or tools are required for each step, and that the corrugation requires a great consumption of material.

Summary of the Invention

The object of the invention is to provide a method that makes it possible to simplify the manufacture of a bobbin of the above type and to reduce the consumption of material. A further object of the invention is to provide such a bobbin which can be made of a smaller amount of

material compared with the prior-art bobbin of a corresponding size and further has the advantage that it can be transported and stored in a more rational manner.

This object is achieved as regards the bobbin by a
5 bobbin which is of the type mentioned by way of introduction and characterised in that each end flange consists of a plurality of spaced-apart essentially radial flange elements which are distributed along the circumference of the cylinder.

10 For the end flanges of the bobbin to have sufficient strength, its flange elements have over their entire radial extent preferably an essentially constant extension in the circumferential direction, the flange elements of each end flange having a total extension in
15 the circumferential direction which is essentially equal to the circumference of the cylinder.

In order to facilitate bending, the bobbin has preferably a plurality of axial grooves which are formed in the outer circumferential surface of the cylinder,
20 each groove extending the entire length of the cylinder between a point between two adjoining flange elements of one end flange and a point between two adjoining flange elements of the other end flange.

Each flange element has at its radially inner end
25 suitably a lug, which extends past the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder and has a circumferential extent that decreases radially inwards. The U-shaped channel can be bent until each lug has been brought into abutment against a neighbouring lug. Thus the lugs make
30 it easier to form the U-shaped channel to a cylinder which retains its cylindrical shape and does not collapse when used. In an alternative embodiment, the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder has a plurality of axial grooves, each groove extending the entire length of
35 the cylinder between a point between two adjoining flange elements of one end flange and a point between two adjoining flange elements of the other end flange. The

grooves in the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder are preferably located opposite to the grooves in the outer circumferential surface thereof and are preferably wedge-shaped in cross-section.

5 Preferably, at least one flange element of one end flange has at its radially outer end an articulated projection which at its free end is hookable onto the other end flange.

10 The above object is achieved as regards the method by the U-shaped channel being made by injection moulding and given such a shape that its side walls consist of a plurality of spaced-apart wall elements which are distributed along the length of the channel.

15 The ends of the channel are preferably connected with each other by protrusions, which are formed on a projection of the base of the channel, which projection projects at one channel end in the longitudinal direction of the channel, being inserted into holes which are formed in the base of the channel at the other channel end.

20 In order to facilitate bending of the channel, its base is during injection moulding given transverse inner grooves which extend the entire width of the base between a point between two adjoining wall elements of one channel wall and a point between two adjoining wall elements
25 of the other channel wall.

30 Preferably, each wall element is during injection moulding at its end connected with the base provided with a lug which extends past the base and has an extent decreasing in the longitudinal direction of the channel, away from the wall element, the channel being bent until each lug is brought into abutment against a neighbouring
35 lug, the lugs forming stops which make the channel form to a cylinder in connection with bending. Alternatively, the base of the channel can during injection moulding be given transverse outer grooves which extend the entire
width of the base between a point between two adjoining

wall elements of one channel wall and a point between two adjoining wall elements of the other channel wall.

Brief Description of the Drawings

The invention will now be described in more detail
5 by means of a preferred but non-limiting embodiment and with reference to the accompanying drawings.

Fig. 1 is a side view of a U-shaped channel which is used to manufacture a bobbin according to the invention.

Fig. 2 is a sectional view along line II-II in
10 Fig. 1 and shows a channel segment of the channel.

Fig. 3A shows the channel segment in section along line IIIA-IIIA in Fig. 2.

Fig. 3 shows the channel segment in section along line IIIB-IIIB in Fig. 2.

15 Fig. 4 is an end view of a bobbin which is made of a bent channel according to Figs 1 and 2.

Fig. 5 is a sectional view along line V-V in Fig. 4 and shows the bobbin.

Description of Preferred Embodiments

20 The bobbin 1 according to the invention is made of plastic and has a cylinder 2 with a circumferential end flange 3 at each cylinder end. Each end flange 3 consists of a plurality of spaced-apart radial flange elements 4, which are perpendicular to the cylinder axis and uniformly distributed along the circumference of the cylinder 2.
25 In the preferred embodiment, all flange elements 4 have the same shape and size, but they could just as well have different shapes and/or sizes. The flange elements 4 have essentially the shape of an elongate rectangle, each
30 flange element being connected with the cylinder 2 at one short side of the rectangle. The total width of the flange elements 4 of each end flange 3 is approximately equal to the circumference of the cylinder 2. For increased strength, the flange elements 4 are internally
35 provided with radial stiffeners 14, or they are arched in cross-section.

Each flange element 4 of one end flange 3 is arranged opposite to a flange element 4 of the other end flange 3. Between the flange elements 4 in each pair of adjoining flange elements, the cylinder 2 has axial grooves 5 in its outer circumferential surface. The grooves 5 extend the entire length of the cylinder 2.

In an alternative embodiment (not shown), also the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder has axial grooves between the flange elements 4 in each pair of adjoining flange elements, which grooves extend the entire length of the cylinder 2 and are wedge-shaped in cross-section.

Each cylinder portion 2' between two adjoining grooves 5 is outwardly arched in cross-section, as is evident from Fig. 3B, or inwardly arched in cross-section. To provide a more rigid cylinder, these portions 2' can be made more pointed in cross-section, as indicated by dashed lines in Fig. 3B.

Each flange element 4 has at its radially inner end a lug 6 which extends past the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder 2 and has a circumferential extent that tapers radially inwards (see Figs 1 and 4). Each lug 6 tapers radially inwards in such a manner that, seen in the axial direction, it has the shape of a radially outer part of a sector of a circle, whose radius is equal to the inner radius of the cylinder 2 and whose point angle is $360^\circ/N$, where N equals the number of flange elements of each end flange 3.

One or more flange elements 4 of one end flange are at their radially outer end provided with an articulated projection 7, whose free end is to be hooked onto a hook 19 on a flange element 4 of the other end flange, so that the projection 7 forms a transport cover for a cable wound onto the bobbin.

The outer circumferential surface of the cylinder 2 has a hook 8 on which a cable end can be fastened when winding a cable onto the bobbin.

According to the invention, the bobbin 1 is manufactured by a U-shaped channel 9 being injection moulded of plastic and then being bent back on itself to form a cylinder 2 with an end flange 3 at each cylinder end.

5 The base 10 of the U-shaped channel 9 forms the cylinder 2 and its walls 11 form the end flanges 3. To allow the channel 9 to be bent back on itself, its walls 11 consist of a plurality of essentially rectangular wall elements 12 which are spaced from each other and uniformly distributed along the length of the channel 9. When the channel 10 9 is bent, the wall elements 12 are moved apart in the manner as is evident from Fig. 4.

The channel ends 13 are connected with each other by protrusions 15, here having the shape of hooks, which 15 are formed on a projection 17 of the base 10 of the channel, said projection projecting at one channel end 13 in the longitudinal direction of the channel 9, being inserted into holes 16 which are formed in the base of the channel at the other channel end 13 (Fig. 2). Of 20 course, it is also conceivable to form the holes in the projection 17 at one channel end 13 and the protrusions at the other channel end 13.

The base projection 17 provided with the protrusions 15 at one channel end 13 also has an opening 18 through 25 which the hook 8, which is formed at the other channel end 13, is inserted when interconnecting the channel ends 13.

In an alternative embodiment (not shown), the channel ends are connected with each other by the projection 30 at one channel end being inserted between two holder elements extended in the longitudinal direction of the channel and being essentially L shaped in cross-section, at the channel end opposite to the projection. The first L legs of the two holder elements are attached to the 35 base. The two free second L legs are oriented towards each other and form supporting portions for the projection when this is inserted between the holder elements

when interconnecting the channel ends. A stop lug is arranged on the base of the channel between the two holder elements, the projection being formed with a hole into which the stop lug is inserted once the channel ends are connected with each other. The holder elements are preferably arranged on the outside of the base of the channel so that the completed bobbin obtains a smooth outer circumferential surface.

The base 10 of the channel 9 is formed with transverse inner grooves 5 which make the channel easier to bend.

To facilitate the forming of a cylinder 2 when bending the U-shaped channel 9, and to prevent the cylinder from collapsing when using the bobbin 1, each wall element 12 is provided with a lug 6 which extends past the base 10 and has an extent decreasing in the longitudinal direction of the channel 9, away from the wall element. The channel 9 can be bent until each lug 6 is brought into abutment against a neighbouring lug 6. Alternatively, the base 10 of the channel is during injection moulding given transverse outer grooves which extend the entire width of the base between a point between two adjoining wall elements 12 of one channel wall 11 and a point between two adjoining wall elements 12 of the other channel wall 11.

The bobbin according to the invention can be used not only for winding cable, but also for winding, for instance, rope, line, hose, emery cloth and the like. The bobbin can also serve as a spacing or insulating element in large drums or pipes with cables inserted into the tube which is formed of the cylinder of the bobbin.

CLAIMS

1. A bobbin (1) of plastic, which has a cylinder
5 (2) and, formed integrally therewith, circumferential
end flanges (3) and is made of a U-shaped channel (9),
c h a r a c t e r i s e d in that the U-shaped channel (9)
is made by injection moulding in one piece, and that each
end flange (3) consists of a plurality of spaced-apart,
10 essentially radial flange elements (4) which are distri-
buted along the circumference of the cylinder (2).

2. A bobbin as claimed in claim 1, in which the
flange elements (4) over the entire radial extent have
an essentially constant extension in the circumferential
15 direction, the flange elements (4) of each end flange (3)
having a total extension in the circumferential direction
which is essentially equal to the circumference of the
cylinder (2).

3. A bobbin as claimed in claim 1 or 2, in which a
20 plurality of axial grooves (5) are formed in the outer
circumferential surface of the cylinder (2), each groove
(5) extending the entire length of the cylinder (2)
between a point between two adjoining flange elements
(4) of one end flange (3) and a point between two adjoin-
25 ing flange elements (4) of the other end flange (3).

4. A bobbin as claimed in claim 1 or 2, in which a
plurality of axial grooves are formed in the inner cir-
cumferential surface of the cylinder (2), each groove
extending the entire length of the cylinder (2) between
30 a point between two adjoining flange elements (4) of one
end flange (3) and a point between two adjoining flange
elements (4) of the other end flange (3).

5. A bobbin as claimed in claims 3 and 4, in which
the grooves in the inner circumferential surface of the
35 cylinder (2) are located opposite to the grooves (5) in
the outer circumferential surface thereof and are wedge-
shaped in cross-section.

6. A bobbin as claimed in any one of claims 1-3, in which each flange element (4) at its radially inner end has a lug (6) which extends past the inner circumferential surface of the cylinder (2) and has a circumferential extent that decreases radially inwards.

7. A bobbin as claimed in any one of claims 1-6, in which at least one flange element (4) of one end flange (3) at its radially outer end has an articulated projection (7) which at its free end is hookable onto the other end flange (3).

8. A method of manufacturing a bobbin of plastic, which has a cylinder (2) and, formed integrally therewith, circumferential end flanges (3), in which method a U-shaped channel (9) is made in one piece and bent to form said cylinder (2) with end flanges (3), the ends (13) of the channel being connected with each other in this bent position, characterised in that the U-shaped channel (9) is made by injection moulding and given such a shape that its side walls (11) consist of a plurality of spaced-apart wall elements (12) which are distributed along the length of the channel (9).

9. A method as claimed in claim 8, in which the channel ends (13) are connected with each other by protrusions (15), which are formed on a projection (17) of the base (10) of the channel, which projection projects at one channel end in the longitudinal direction of the channel (9), being inserted into holes (16) which are formed in the base of the channel at the other channel end.

10. A method as claimed in claim 8 or 9, in which the base (10) of the channel during injection moulding is given transverse inner grooves which extend the entire width of the base between a point between two adjoining wall elements (12) of one channel wall (11) and a point between two adjoining wall elements (12) of the other channel wall (11).

11. A method as claimed in any one of claims 8-10,
in which each wall element (12) during injection moulding
is at its end connected with the base (10) provided with
a lug (6) which extends past the base (10) and has an
5 extent decreasing in the longitudinal direction of the
channel (9), away from the wall element (12), and the
channel is bent until each lug is brought into abutment
against a neighbouring lug.

12. A method as claimed in any one of claims 8-10,
10 in which the base (10) of the channel during injection
moulding is given transverse outer grooves which extend
the entire width of the base between a point between two
adjoining wall elements (12) of one channel wall (11) and
a point between two adjoining wall elements (12) of the
15 other channel wall (11).

ABSTRACT

5 A bobbin (1) of plastic has a cylinder (2) and, formed integrally therewith, circumferential end flanges (3) and is made of a U-shaped channel. Each end flange (3) consists of a plurality of spaced-apart, essentially radial flange elements (4) which are distributed along the circumference of the cylinder (2).

10 In a method of manufacturing such a bobbin, a U-shaped channel is made by injection moulding. The U shaped channel is given such a shape that its side walls consist of a plurality of spaced-apart wall elements which are distributed along the length of the chan-
15 nel. The channel is bent to form the cylinder (2) and its ends are connected with each other in this bent position.

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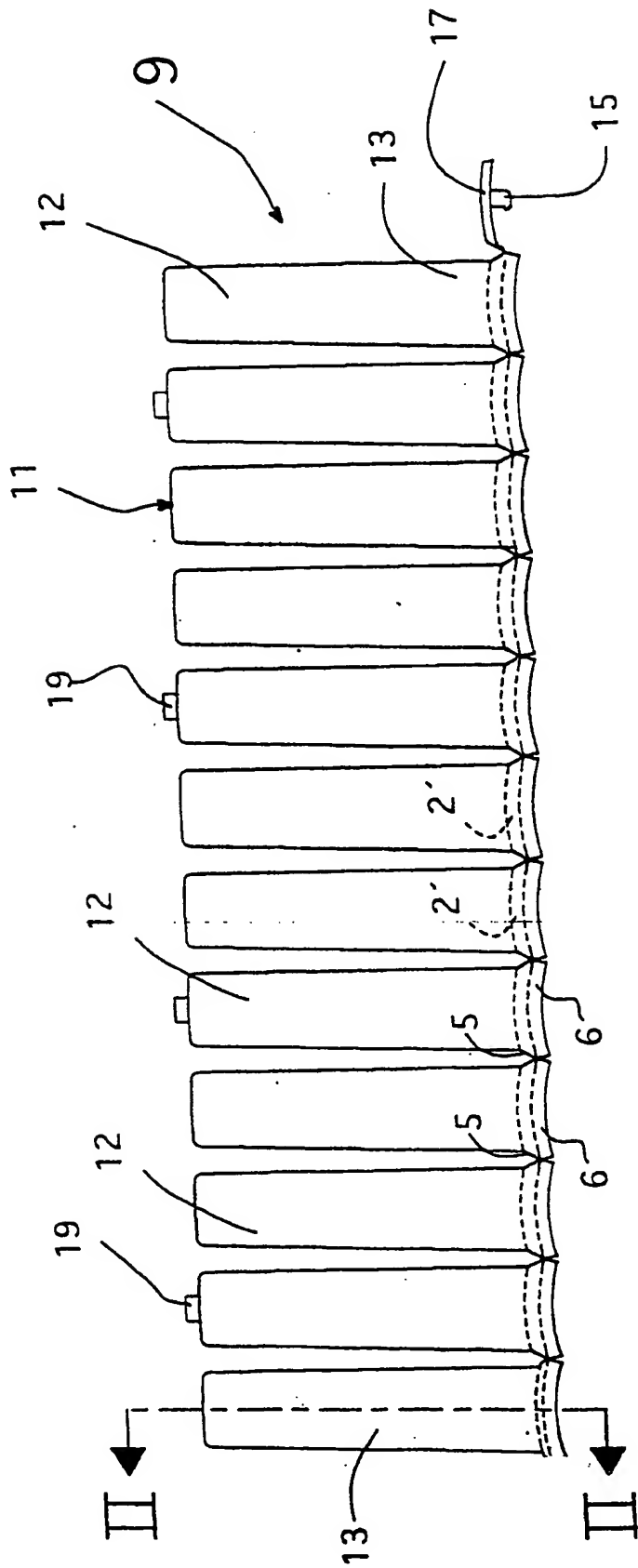


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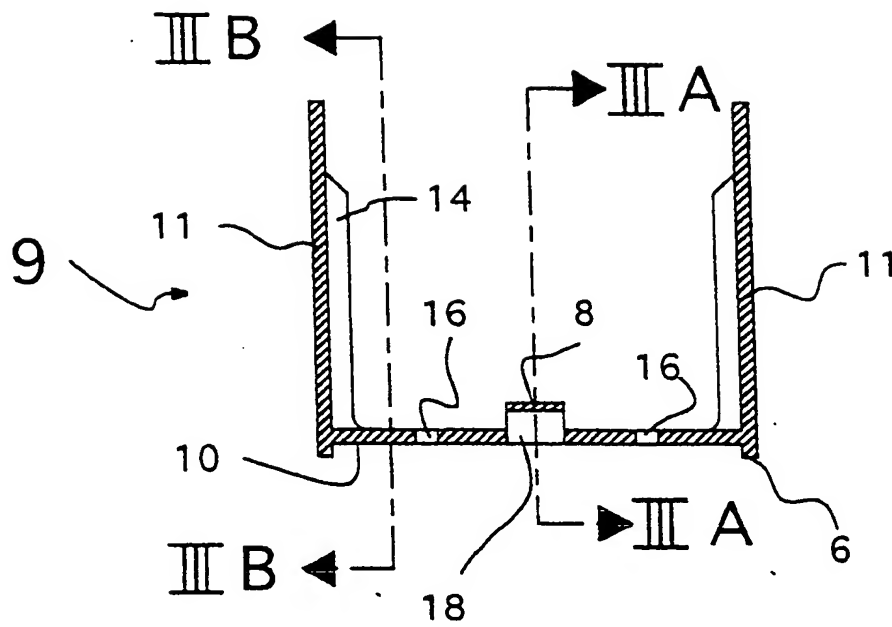


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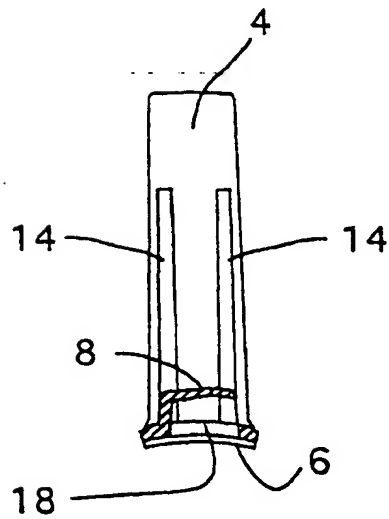


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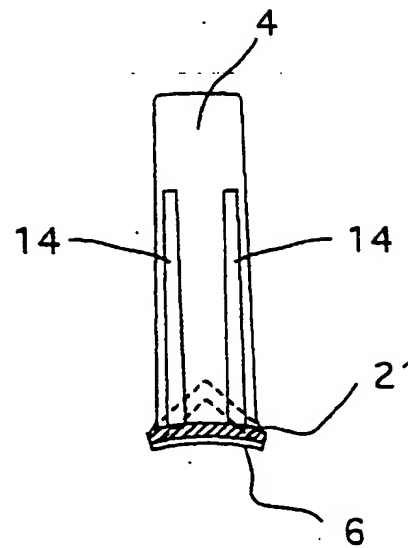


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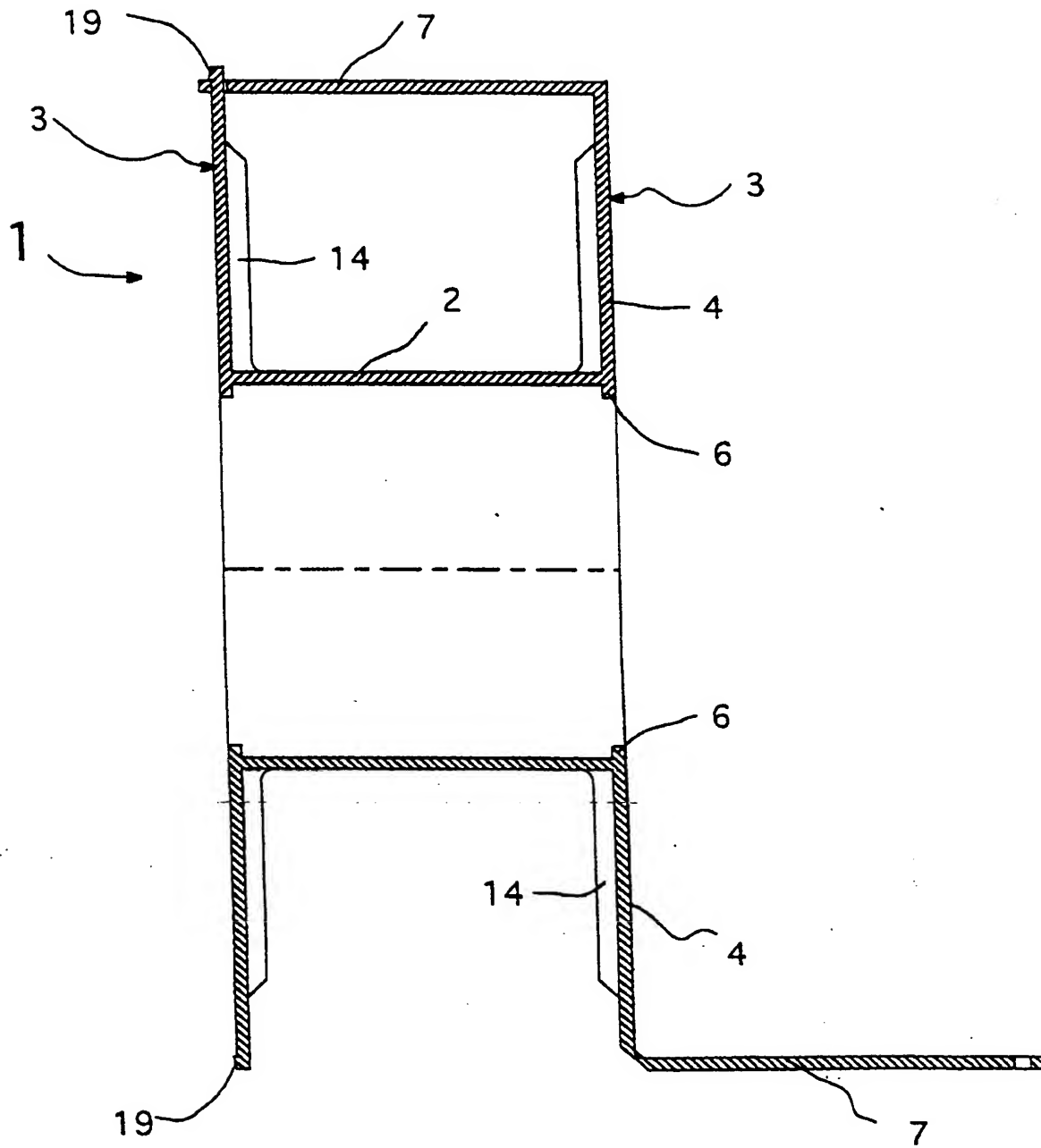


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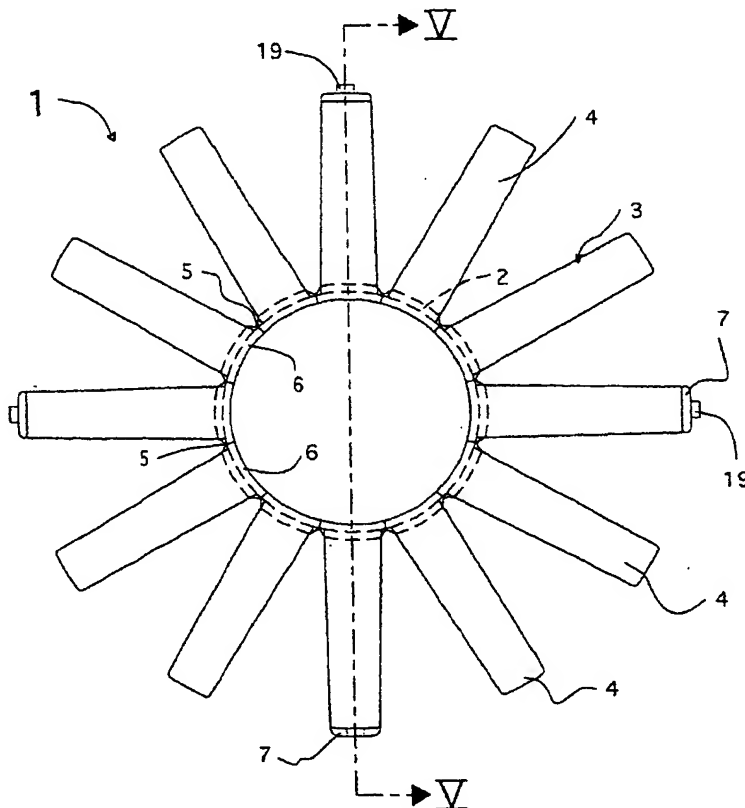
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